

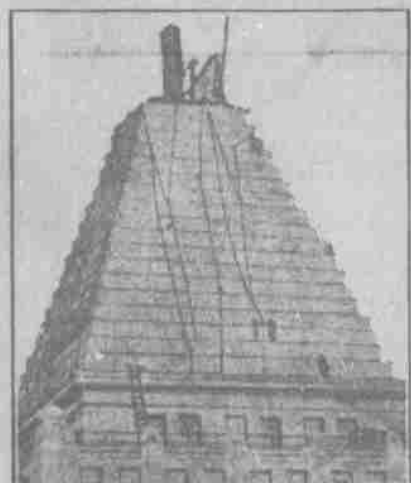
OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Raffle of Babies In Paris



A raffle where one has a chance to win a live baby is certainly something unusual, and yet, strange as it may sound, one occurred recently in Paris. The management of a founding hospital, with the consent of the authorities, decided to raffle all the babies whose parents could not be traced up. The income of this raffle was divided among different charity institutions.

PYRAMID ON A SKYSCRAPER SQUIRREL'S WONDERFUL LEAP



The stone roof of the Bankers Trust Company building, at the northwest corner of Nassau and Wall streets, New York City, shown in the picture to be nearing completion, is said by the architects to be something of an experiment in design and construction. There is no other of the kind in existence. The pyramid contains twenty-three steps, each 3 feet 9 1/2 inches high by 1 foot 4 inches wide. Total height of pyramid, 94 feet 6 inches. The dimensions of its base are 70 by 69 feet. The restorations of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus generally show this type of superstructure.

USE SALT ON ROADS

As a general rule the roads in and around French towns are tarred at the commencement of the summer in order to abate the dust nuisance. It has, however, been found that tar, although excellent in the case of macadamized roads, is of little or no value where earthen roads and paved street crossings intersect the roads in every direction, as tarring cannot be carried out on stones.

The authorities, basing their action on the well-known hygro-metrical properties of common salt, have made a test of its value in laying the dust. Twenty yards of roadway have been sprinkled liberally with salt and then watered freely. If the results are satisfactory salt will be used throughout the town of Havre, it being impossible to tar the majority of the streets, as they are paved with rough stone blocks.

MADE THE MOUSE WORK

The average mouse runs 16,000 meters a day, and certain energetic subjects have been known to run 29,000 meters in a period of 24 hours. With a view to the utilization of the power of mice, an inventor constructed a wire drum revolving on an axle. The power rendered by the mice ran a little flat spinning machine. The production of linen thread was four pounds for five days of mouse labor. The inventor of the machine died before perfecting his invention.

tered, rather than fell into the abyss below. His legs began to work like those of a swimming poodle dog, but faster and faster, while his tail, slightly elevated, spread out like a feather fan.

He landed on a ledge of limestone, where he could be seen squatting on his hind legs and smoothing his ruffled fur, after which he made for the creek with a flourish of his tail, took a drink and scampered away.

CAT'S LONG TRIP

The story of a notable journey of a cat from Kingston, Surrey, England, to its former home at Glastonbury, in Somersetshire, a distance of about 123 miles, is now told. In April last a cat, mottled gray and described as half Persian in breed, was sent from Glastonbury, where it had been reared, to the matron of the Kingston Nursing home. It was sent in a packing case drilled with air holes and obviously the animal had no opportunity of marking the points of its journey. Soon after arrival at Kingston the cat was lost and despite the most diligent searching, no trace of it could be found.

The matron of the nursing home has received a letter from Glastonbury stating that the cat has found its way back to its old home. It arrived emaciated and footsore and apparently had walked the whole of the 123 miles. The letter describes the cat on its arrival as "a mere shadow of its former self," and expresses the belief that although terribly weak through its wanderings, it can be nursed back to a healthy condition.

PAINT MADE FROM CACTUS

When traveling through the rural districts of Uruguay one's attention is attracted to the fine white color of the farm buildings, even during the wet season. To obtain this neat effect a whitewash is used which is made with the sliced leaves of the common cactus, macerated in water for 24 hours, producing a solution of creamy consistency; to this lime is added and well mixed. When applied to any surface, be it of wood, brick, iron or other material, a beautiful pearly white appearance is produced, which will endure through storms and frosts for many years.

FANTASTIC WORK OF NATURE

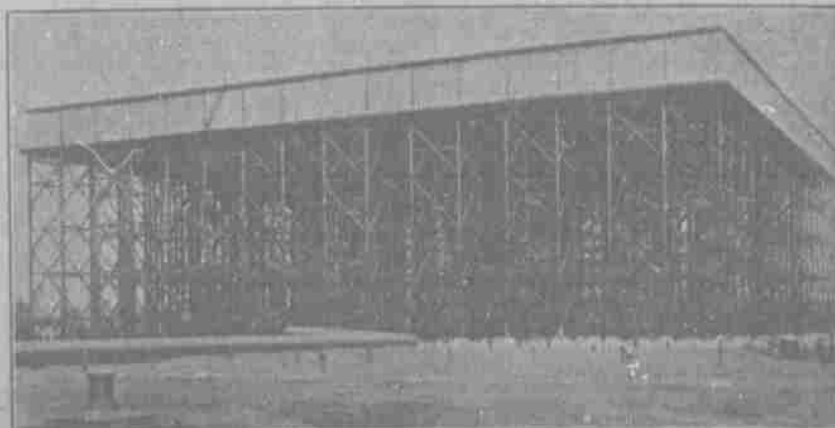


It would not be easy to guess correctly what the object is that is here pictured. In reality it is a piece of the root of a holly tree and was found growing in a granite quarry in Virginia. As photographed it is quite unchanged by man's hand.

BOY AND EAGLE IN BATTLE

Elmer Peterson, fifteen years old, living four miles west of Little Falls, Minn., had a hard battle with an eagle and was saved from serious injury only by the arrival of a brother. The boy had shot the bird, which was in a tree. The eagle fell to the ground and immediately went at the boy with its talons. The bird's claws became fastened in the boy's clothing and the lad was unable to free himself. Elmer was badly frightened and his strength was giving out when his brother arrived and killed the eagle with a club. The bird measured five feet across the wings.

Calcutta's Big Water Tank



Not long ago the authorities of Calcutta decided that the city's supply of drinking water was insufficient, so they ordered the construction of a great reservoir at Talah, a suburb. This has been completed in the form of a tank of steel and timberwork with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons. It is 321 feet square, 16 feet deep, and is elevated 110 feet above the ground.

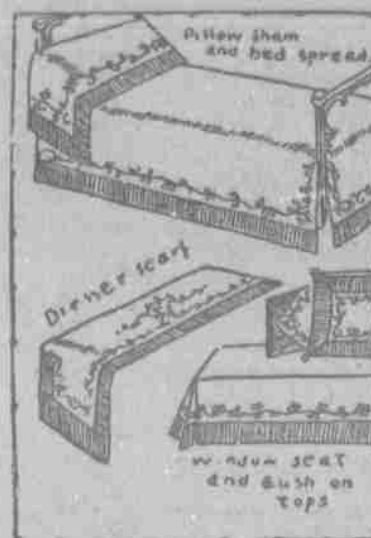
SOMETHING for the LITTLE ONES

BEDROOM SET FOR THE GIRLS

Very Pretty, Simple and inexpensive Furniture May Be Made of Plain, Heavy Muslin.

A very pretty, simple and inexpensive bedroom set may be made of plain heavy muslin, the kind that you pay ten cents a yard for. Make the bed spread in the shape of a wide sheet, slashed at the lower corners so that it will hang over the foot and sides of the bed nicely. About the edge of the bedspread put a broad band of fadeless red or blue cotton cloth. Above this band—draw a design of a winding vine and small tendrils and leaves. This should be close to the band. Chain-stitch the design in fadeless cotton the same color as the band.

A dresser scarf and pillow valance or shams are made in the same way, as are the covers for cushions, trunk,



Pretty Bedroom Set for Girl's Room.

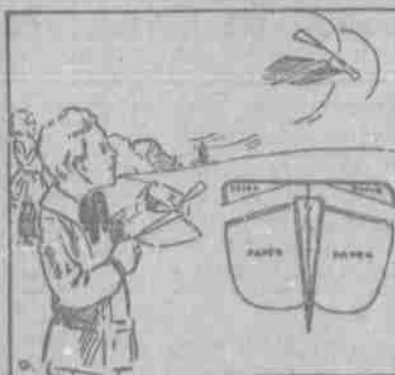
shoe box and window seat. Even the window curtains may be made of the muslin, trimmed in the same way as the rest of the set, with pleasing effect. As these covers can be tubbed frequently, a girl may have a fresh and immaculate clean room all the time.

Another pretty set of bed room covers is made of a striped cotton stuff. Avoid dark colors. Pale pink, lavender and light brown make up a harmonious whole which is pleasing in effect. The bed spread if made of striped or colored material should have a broad valance, reaching from the edge of the top of the mattress to the floor. The window curtains, pillow, box and trunk covers may be made of the same, as also the cushion tops. But the dresser top should always be in white.

NEW PLAYTHING IS INVENTED

Little Flyer Can Be Used Indoors or in Open Air—It Is Quite Easy of Construction.

This little flyer can be used outdoors or indoors. It is so light that it will not mar the ceiling. Out of doors it will attain a height of twenty-five feet and upward and sail about for some time. The total cost is but one cent. All that is used of any value in the construction is a piece of raffia, 28 inches long, which may be found around the house or purchased for one cent. Cut it into the following lengths: One piece 10 inches long, one piece 11 inches long, and two pieces 3 inches long. Find the middle of the 11-inch piece and make a hole in it with a knitting needle. One-



Little Flyer.

half inch from each side of this hole bend the raffia back so that the ends meet; fasten them with a piece of fine wire, having it long enough so that the end can be bent into a small hook. Take the 3-inch pieces and fasten one on each side with a thread and a little glue, near the front, as the diagram shows.

Janitor Was Sensitive

The janitor in a Milwaukee school gave up his place the other day. When asked what was the trouble he said: "I'm honest, and I won't stand being suspected. If I find a pencil or handkerchief about the school when I'm sweeping I hand or put it up. Every little while the teacher, or some one that is too cowardly to face me, will give me a slip. Why, a little while ago I seen wrote on the board, 'Find the least common multiple.' Well, I looked from collar to gorget for that multiple, and I wouldn't know the thing if I met it. Last night, in his writing on the blackboard, it said, 'Find the greatest common divisor.' Well, I says to myself, 'both of them things are lost now, and I'll be accused of stealing 'em, so I'll quit.'"

THE BOY THAT LAUGHS.



I know a funny little boy. The happiest ever born. His face is like a beam of joy. Although his clothes are torn.

I saw him tumble on his nose. And waited for a groan. But how he laughed! Do you suppose He struck his funny bone?

There's sunshine in each word he speaks. His laugh is something grand—its ripples overrun his cheeks. Like waves on showy sand.

He laughs the moment he awakes. And till the day is done; The schoolroom for a joke he takes His lessons are "just fun!"

No matter how the day may go. You cannot make him cry; He's worth a dozen boys I know Who point and mope and sigh.

QUEER METHODS OF CHINESE

Pound or Pint Varies as It May Suit Merchant's Fancy—Way of Counting Person's Age.

The Chinese rejoice in a wonderful talent for inaccuracy in every detail. For instance, a pound or pint varies as it suits the merchant's fancy. In some parts you get half or a quarter as much as you do in others for the same price and measure. Then, again, their way of calculating distance does not at all tally with Euclid. For instance, you are told from A to B is four miles, but from B to A is eight miles. If you ask how this is possible, you are told it depends from which end you start. If you start from A it is down hill, so much easier to walk; whereas, starting from B, you have to walk up hill, which is much more exerting and fatiguing—in fact, it is the same as walking a longer distance on even ground. This form of argument always amuses nearly as much as the way the Chinese have of counting a person's age by tens. "My mother," they will tell you, "is 30 (or 40). When she leaves 30 she is getting near 40. Should we all like to be told that, I wonder?"

TRICK WITH STRAIGHT LINES

By Adding Two Dots Sentence of Eight Words Can Be Made—How It Is Done.

Jane—Here are six ones (writing on a piece of paper) thus:
Jessie—How pretty they look. Like

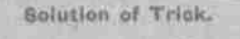


Six Straight Lines.

a row of people standing outside the pit of a theater.

Jane (patiently)—Can you, with two dots, make an eight-word sentence out of them?

Jessie—No; how is it done?
Jane—Like this (writes):



Solution of Trick.

Jessie—Is that an eight-word sentence?

Jane—Certainly. Isn't that "The eleventh of November, nineteen hundred and eleven?"
Jessie—O-o-h!

SCIENTIFIC TRICK FOR BOYS

How to Perform Apparently Impossible feat of Making Match Hold Up a Bottle.

Perhaps some of our boys and girls have not learned how to take advantage of a great scientific principle, the operation of which will enable them to do the apparently impossible feat of making a match hold up a bottle which hangs over the edge of a mantle or shelf of any sort.

This is how the thing is done. Tie a string around the neck of the bottle, then tie the two ends together in such a way that a loop will be left for the insertion of a match. Place one end of the match on a shelf; slip the loop over the other end, then place that end on top of the cork of the bottle. You will find that with a little adjustment of the end of the match that it rests on the shelf, what is called a center of gravity will be established and the bottle will hang at a slight angle, supported only by the match and string.

Why Paul Was Wilest.

"Who was the wilest man?" asked the Sunday school teacher of little Willie.

"Paul," answered Willie in a tone that indicated familiarity with the subject.

"No," said the teacher. "Solomon was the wilest man."

"Well," replied the youthful student, "my pa says Paul was the wilest 'cause he never got married."

Keen Sense of Smell.

Teacher—Johnny, what domestic animal has the keenest sense of smell?
Johnny—The skunk, sir.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well-cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked the cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis' Single Binder.

BOTANICAL BADINAGE.



She—Ah, dearest one, when you are gone I shall pine away.
He—Tut! tut! Spruce up.

IT IS CRIMINAL TO NEGLECT THE SKIN AND HAIR

Think of the suffering entailed by neglected skin troubles—mental because of disfigurement, physical because of pain. Think of the pleasure of a clear skin, soft, white hands, and good hair. These blessings, so essential to happiness and even success in life, are often only a matter of a little thoughtful care in the selection of effective remedial agents. Cuticura Soap and Ointment do so much for poor complexions, red, rough hair, and dry, thin and falling hair, and cost so little, that it is almost criminal not to use them. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a postal to "Cuticura," Dept. 21 L, Boston, will secure a liberal sample of each, with 32-page booklet on skin and scalp treatment.

It's humiliating to discover that the folks who we imagine despise us never even think of us!

BILIOUS

TRY A BOTTLE OF HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

Nothing can upset your health quicker or make you feel more miserable than a lazy liver—but remember the Bitters prevents all this by toning and invigorating the entire system.

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